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Title: Methods and Systems For Controlling The Scope Of Delegation Of  
Authentication Credentials

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 12/10/2004**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated 10 December 2004, please modify the status of the claims in the above-identified application as follows:

A) **Modifications to Claim Status** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response; and

B) **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this Response.